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RE: Proposed Bills 234 and 235

I am in favor of both proposed bills 234 and 235. I would like to see the State of Connecticut get a better handle on real-life costs of proposed facilities before they are built.

There has been a wide variance in estimated costs to build a proposed gun range. Facility costs, funded by taxpayer dollars, should be estimated as precisely as possible to minimize cost overruns. A gun range plan will include all the following elements:

Pre-Build Costs

Purchase of Land

Legal costs associated with land transfer

Site planning and design

Facility planning and design

Engineering and septic plans

Site work in preparation for building

Road siting and design

Drainage engineering and design

Communications design

Security system design and fencing plan

Specialty ballistics concerns (baffling, safety design and future environmental monitoring)

Facility costs

Building actual facility including plumbing, heating, lighting, exhaust and air-handling

Actual cost to build road

Actual cost to build parking lot & drainage

Actual cost to put in sidewalks and handicapped access

Engineered septic system for 125 or more (to include staff)

Electronics video/audio equipment and installation

Communications equipment, WiFi, antenna?

Food service area equipment and commercial kitchen

Locker room equipment (lockers, bathrooms, showers)

Facility maintenance equipment

Outfitting gun ranges and building range lanes

Classroom furniture

Office furniture

General furniture

Office equipment (copier, fax, scanner)

Computer equipment

Security System

Safe room for ammunition

Emergency generating system?

### Start-up Costs

General classroom supplies  
Maintenance tools, supplies and equipment  
Safety supplies, shooting/range supplies  
Kitchen/food costs  
Debt service/bonding costs

### Ongoing Costs

Maintenance staff  
General personnel  
Range Master?  
Trash removal  
Lawn care/snow removal/plowing/shoveling  
Utilities  
PILOT to town

How much will this cost the CT taxpayer before a plan is approved, no matter where in CT the facility is located?

How do all these costs compare to the use of an existing facility?

How can the State of CT justify this unquantified expenditure right now?

Thank you,  
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